



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts!** As the season begins to change and fall is in the air, opportunities abound to learn and serve. Next Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Governor Skillman will welcome participants to the day long conference "Challenge to Excellence". This conference, as noted below, is ideal for any community or faith based organization who wants to improve upon its grant writing skills and relationship with government. Workshops are planned to provide important and relevant information in an interesting format. Don't miss this opportunity!

Additionally, we know there are many, many talented people around the state who have skills to share. We want you to share your skills and knowledge at the Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism next March. Read how you can be a part of one of the best conferences in Indiana for non-profit and faith based organizations. Later this year, registration information will be sent to thousands throughout the state, your name should be included as an expert. Let us know who you are.

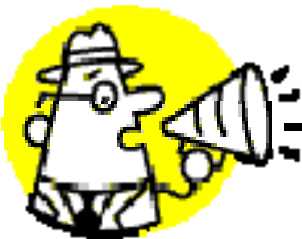


### Last Chance to register for the 2006 Challenge to Excellence Conference

The registration deadline for the 2006 Challenge to Excellence has been **extended** to 5 PM on Monday, September 25. This year's Challenge to Excellence features Dr. Kirsten Grønberg, one of the nation's leading researchers on "Indiana's Religious Nonprofits & Secular Charities". The afternoon is filled with breakout sessions on topics such as "Personnel Law and Civil Rights for Non-Profit Organizations" and "The Insiders Guide to Getting Government Money". All sessions are being led by experts from government and the private sector.

This free workshop is being held on **Wednesday, September 27, 2006**, at the Indiana Government Center Auditorium, 302 W Washington St, Indianapolis. The workshop begins promptly at 8:30 AM and will conclude by 4:00 PM.

To register, go to <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/events/sept06.html>



### Call for Presentations!

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is currently seeking proposals for presentations for the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism! The conference will be held on March 12-13, 2007 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. The due date for proposals is September 29th. To download the application, visit <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/events/2007CallforPresentersFinal.pdf>.

### FREE ONLINE INTERACTIVE RESOURCE

Program coordinators and grant writers who want to convey their communities' needs with solid facts and visual impact can use a new online, interactive resource: [www.DataPlace.org](http://www.DataPlace.org). Developed and maintained by the Fannie Mae Foundation, DataPlace is a source of demographic, economic, and housing data about communities, regions, and the nation. The DataPlace mapping tool produces colorful, thematic maps. DataPlace's chart and table builder creates bar and line charts, accompanied by data tables.

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**A new web-based resource is available to help raise financial support for classroom projects**



Through DonorsChoose, teachers can post projects that they want to conduct with their students. Donors then can go on-line, review the list of proposed projects and select a project to receive a financial donation. This cyber support already has channeled more than \$8 million to over 16,000 classroom projects across the country. Please visit <http://www.DonorsChoose.org>

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According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) "Education at a Glance," which tracks 30 industrialized nations, America's international standing in education continues to erode. For example, the U.S. graduation rate is pegged at 75 percent, placing it 17th out of 22 countries, behind the OECD average of 81 percent. Similarly, several countries have surpassed the U.S. in individuals with a college degree; the U.S., at 39 percent, now ranks seventh, behind Canada (53 percent), Japan (52 percent), and Korea (49 percent). Also, the U.S.'s 54 percent "survival rate" (percentage of individuals who enroll in college and ultimately receive a degree) is

one of the OECD's lowest and well below the OECD average of 70 percent. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.oecd.org/edu/eag2006/>.

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### **...Grant Opportunity...Grant Opportunity...Grant Opportunity...Grant Opportunity...**

The Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for youth- and family-serving agencies through the Hoosier State. IYI has won a third year of federal funding to continue the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Demonstration Program in Indiana. This grant will allow the Institute to provide 22 grassroots faith- and community-based organizations with up to 120 hours of free technical assistance and sub-grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$25,000. They will choose grantees from each of Indiana's nine Congressional districts. **All applications have to be post-marked by October 9, 2006.**

The Request for Proposal is available on IYI's website at [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org). If you have any questions, please call 800-343-7060.

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*"Kindness is more important than wisdom and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."*

**Theodore Isaac Rubin**

## GRAB YOUR FAMILY AND VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

Family Volunteer Day showcases the benefits of families working together, introduces them to community service and encourages those who haven't yet made the commitment to volunteer as a family. Family Volunteer Day is held annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving and initiates National Family Week. The 2006 Family Volunteer Day is Saturday, November 18th.

Volunteering as a family provides quality time, strengthens communication and offers opportunities for family members to be role models while making significant contributions to their neighborhoods. Family volunteering encourages lifelong volunteers and a legacy of volunteering for the next generation to carry into the future.

The United Way of Central Indiana is inviting your organization to provide volunteer's for Family Volunteer Day and choose one of the projects submitted by local nonprofits or create your own project that is special to you, your family or your organization. For statistical and tracking purposes, if you create your own project please register it on the United Way of Central Indiana's website at [www.volunteersolutions.org/uwci](http://www.volunteersolutions.org/uwci). If you have any questions, please call Dee Crafton at 317-921-1334 or email [dee.crafton@uwci.org](mailto:dee.crafton@uwci.org)



### Latino Families Say No More Violence RALLY

The Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence will hold a public awareness rally against domestic violence. This is a two hour event dedicated to raising awareness. Service providers will be on site to provide information.

The RALLY will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 12:00 PM to 2 PM at Monument Circle in Downtown Indianapolis. If it rains, it will be held at Christ Church Cathedral located on the Northeast corner of Monument Circle.

### Fact for Life #150

Regular exposure to secondhand smoke, such as in restaurants, heightens one's chances of stroke by 50 percent. "Facts for Life," a weekly e-mail providing statistics on the toll of tobacco to Hoosiers and the state of Indiana, is presented by Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation. For more information on Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, visit, [www.in.gov/itpc/](http://www.in.gov/itpc/) ; [www.WhiteLies.tv](http://www.WhiteLies.tv) or [www.Voice.tv](http://www.Voice.tv).

Source: Americans for Non-Smokers Rights. Secondhand Smoke: The Science. Zhang, X. et al. "Association of Passive Smoking by Husbands with Prevalence of Stroke among Chinese Women Nonsmokers," American Journal of Epidemiology, 2005; 161(3): 213-218.

